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GEN' BAKER

United States Congressman from the
Second District of New Hamp-
shire and a Graduate of
Columbian Law
School.

*Gives "The Call" Readers Some
Interesting History About the
Law Department's
Beginning.*

He Helped Organize the First Class.

Among the publications issued by our American Congress is a blue covered, 300-page volume, whose title page bears the simple announcement that it is edited and compiled by Francis M. Cox. It is called the Congressional Directory, and one of its biographical sketches is as follows;

Henry M. Baker, of Bow, was born in Bow, N. H., January 11, 1841; was graduated from the New Hampshire Conference Seminary in 1859; Dartmouth College in 1863, and the Columbian Law School in 1866, and admitted to the bar the same year; was a clerk in the War and Treasury Departments, and later practiced law in Washington, D. C.; was Judge Advocate-General of the National Guard of New Hampshire in 1886-'87, with the rank of Brigadier-General; was a member of the State Senate in 1891-'92, and was elected to the Fifty-third Congress as a Republican, receiving 21,425 votes, against 20,996 for Hosea W. Parker, Democrat; 793 votes for Charles D. Drury, Prohibitionist; 161 votes for Elias M. Blodgett, Populist, and 69 votes scattering.

It concludes with the statement that he was re-elected to the Fifty-fourth House with an increased majority. The sentence in the above of most interest to University readers is the one giving the information that he is a graduate of the Law Department. With the hope that the Congressman would talk of his University life, a CALL representative interviewed him, and the following interesting story is the result. He was found in a pleasant office in the vicinity of the Ebbitt House, and his surroundings show him to be the hard working man that he

is. General Baker is a Yankee through and through. You see it in the slight New England accent, in the cautious, shrewd way he discusses a topic, and in the everlasting style he will hammer an obstacle, when its removal is necessary to his success. He is a good example of a man who has worked his way up from the bottom rung, and who judges men by what they accomplish rather than by what they want to accomplish. He cracks a joke with relish, and like a true son of humor he is as willing to listen to a good thing as he is to tell one.



HON. HENRY M. BAKER, M. C.

"Yes, I think I can give you something worth publishing," he said, as he swung around in his office chair, after being told the interviewer's mission, "and it is about the organization of the Law Department. In 1865 I had come to Washington and taken a place in one of the departments, with the idea of earning enough money to prosecute my law studies. I had studied some and wanted to complete my work at Harvard. I accidentally heard that the trustees of Columbian University had had under consideration the project of establishing a law school. Feeling that it would be an advantage to me to remain in the city rather than to leave the department where I was employed, I at once visited Presi-

dent Sampson to inquire as to the accuracy of the report. I saw him at his residence on Columbia Heights, near where the University was then located. He told me that the establishment of a law school had been under consideration, but that the College was too poor, and that the trustees did not feel authorized to spend from their general income the amount necessary to maintain the school, but that if one could be self-sustaining they would establish it at once. I then asked him the minimum number of students which he would be willing to organize a school with.

"He replied, 'sixteen,' I think, and told me that they had even considered the question of the appointment of the necessary instructors, and that Mr. John C. Kennedy, a member of the bar of this city, had been practically selected as the Junior instructor and that Mr. William M. Merrick, recently a judge of the Circuit Court of the District, had been selected as the instructor of the Senior Class, but that the project had been abandoned for the lack of funds. I then asked him how many students he knew would be willing to take the course and pay the fees required. He

said about half a dozen. I assured him that there would be no trouble in securing the remaining ten, and that if the tuition of sixteen students would justify the University in starting the school that he could safely make the arrangements, and added that I was willing to guarantee that number or myself pay whatever might be lacking in the tuition. He seemed a little surprised at the statement, but after a talk of some two hours asked me to call and see him again the next Wednesday, meanwhile making such investigation and securing such assurance as I could from young men who desired to take the course, saying that he also would consult with the trustees and other friends of the College, and he thought

possibly the school might be established.

"On the following Wednesday I called as agreed, and assured him that I knew at least fifteen who were ready to enter the school as soon as it could be opened, which, I said, with those you know will give the school a better start than you required. I gave him the names of the prospective students, and said that I had no doubt many others would join the school. He then very enthusiastically informed me that the school would be opened about the 15th of October, and an announcement was soon made through the papers, and when the school opened there were nearly fifty in attendance.

"The building used was an old church on Fifth street, between D and E, which President Sampson had purchased, the upper portion being used for lecture halls and the lower story filled with offices. The building still remains and wears the sign of Columbian Law building, as of old. During the term the enrollment increased, and something more than fifty men took the course. Very many of the students had read law in advance and were nearly, if not quite, fitted to pass the bar examination, but desired to avail themselves of the advantages of the school. A large number of them took the two years' course in one, and the first class graduated thirty-six. Of these a larger number were college graduates than any subsequent class has probably had. Four of them were graduates of Dartmouth College, personally well known to me, and of the entire class twenty-one held degrees from other institutions. This class has given a good account of itself since graduation, and if all subsequent classes make an equal record, the Law School will be one of which your University may well be proud.

"During the term, and it being the first class to be graduated from the school, considerable attention was given to the kind of exercises which would be held at the time of graduation. The first thought of the class was that they would select one of their own number to deliver an oration at the Law School commencement, and held several meetings for the election of the orator. There were a number of candidates and no one received at any time a majority. As the time was approaching for the graduation, President Samp-

The Late Eugene Field.



He was a child of Nature, and when he sang you heard the purr of waters, the laugh of childhood and felt the kiss of the South wind on your cheek.

University News.

Law School.

graduated in 1893 from the Columbian University Law School at Washington, D. C., one of the leading law schools of the country, and from which he has received the degrees of bachelor of laws and master of laws. He was for some time with Britton & Gray, a prominent firm of corporation lawyers at the National Capital. He was admitted to the bar in October, 1894. His equipment, natural and acquired, well qualifies him for a successful career in his chosen profession.

Mr. Chabrian and Gentlemen:

This manifestation of your esteem touches me deeply. No one has a higher appreciation of the duties of this office than I have.

Mr. Reed said the other day "that the pleasure was for a moment while the duties and responsibilities extended over many days." Happily for me my case is a different one, for while I realize that I shall have many duties to perform and that much of the prosperity and success of an organization depends upon the presiding officer, yet I feel that the performance of these duties will be a pleasure, for I believe the class will lend me its counsel and support. Your president is not the master of the class, but its servant, the instrument through which the will of its members is declared. It is a source of genuine pleasure to note the friendly way in which this campaign has been conducted and the fair and courteous treatment of my opponent.

Now, as to the work of the year, it has been suggested that we have a good rousing meeting just before the holidays in order to bring the class together and make its members better acquainted.

In my opinion no more serious mistake can be made than for a man to cultivate the intellectual and neglect the social part of his nature. With all due deference to those who have preceded us here, I cannot but feel my heart thrill as I stand here, the representative of a body of men inferior to none that has ever entered these doors. Organizations, as well as individuals, have a destiny, and I believe you will make this class a power and a credit to this institution.

In conclusion to those who have opposed me openly, fairly, and honorably, I have the kindest feelings, and to those of my friends who have stood by me in this affair I say I thank you.

Boyer & Taylor is the name of a new law firm at Canton, Ill. A local paper says: Mr. Taylor is the talented son of William L. Taylor, of this city. He was

son was anxious that some final settlement of the question should be secured. He asked me to call upon him one evening to talk the matter over. He was given an account of the divisions in the class, and was assured that the election of any of our number to serve as orator was hopeless. He then asked me, "What are you going to do?" I said to him, "You have a class considerably larger than either of us anticipated, and one vastly in excess of your limit of sixteen, consequently, the University must be in funds, and I suggest that you offer prizes for the best essays on legal subjects, three in number, to be divided into \$50, \$30 and \$20, with the understanding that, if required, one or more of the essayists must deliver their productions at the commencement, and in lieu of something better this would serve to make a reasonably good entertainment for the graduating night."

"He immediately accepted the suggestion, and by letter authorized me, acting as president of the class, to inform them of this determination, which was done at the next class meeting. That was the beginning of the prizes in the Law School, which have been maintained ever since. Subsequently the class elected an outside orator for commencement night in the person of Hon. Horace H. Maynard, a member of Congress from the state of Tennessee. The commencement was held at the old Metzger Hall, popularly known as Iron Hall, made famous afterward by 'The Feather Duster Congress' that had existence under Governor Shepherd's rule. The building was on the North side of Pennsylvania Avenue, between 9th and 10th, and has recently been torn down and a music firm has put up a modern building in its place."

A Base Ball Meeting.

Thursday Dec. 12, at 4:30, all persons interested in the formation of the base ball team for '96 will meet in the P. C. room. It is expected that a temporary organization will be formed and a captain and manager elected.

Teachers' Bazaar.

The executive board of the Teachers' Bazaar, now in progress at Convention Hall, have selected Friday evening, December 13, as the one to be devoted to Columbian University and her friends. It is the hope of the management to make this a pronounced success, and they ask the cordial support of the University people. It is a worthy cause, and there should be a large representation present.

The new firm is a strong one.

Justice Cox, dean of the Law School, has announced that he will retire from the bench next year, and will devote his entire time to the law department and to the codification of the District laws. The District Bar Association has asked Justice Cox to codify the laws. He will do this work without compensation, the association to provide for clerk hire necessary to the work. The Supreme Court of the District will lose one of its oldest and ablest judges in Judge Cox's retirement.

The Fifty-fourth House includes three graduates of the Columbian Law School: H. M. Baker, New Hampshire, class of '66; John B. Corliss, Michigan, '75; B. S. Fairchild, New York, '83.

Claude E. Miller, law, '96, and Edmund Ellis returned last week from a bicycle trip through Pennsylvania. They stopped at Gettysburg, Carlisle (where the Indian School is located), and then went on to Philadelphia, where they spent a few days after Thanksgiving. The boys report a good time.

The CALL is under obligations to Mr. Frank Nye, of the Post Graduate Law class, for stenographic report of the Gen. Baker interview on the first page.

Academy.

Prof. L. D. Lodge lectured last Friday on "The Organic Conception of History."

Woodward, Holmead, Everett and M. E. Dow were reported among the sick last week.

It is to be hoped that President Whitman will grant us the Thursday and Friday immediately following New Years as a holiday, as he has to the College, and a petition to

that effect is being circulated. Would it be asking too much to have the day just before the Christmas adjournment half-holiday?

The Academy has received, through the courtesy of Professor Mason, some fine maps from the Department of the Interior. They were forwarded by Mr. Harry King, an old "prep" boy.

Last week the new class in experimental physics was started. It consists of Messrs. Bacon, Gana, Gwynn and Bittinger.

Walter Honesty, our janitor, has met with a serious loss. He recently lost, while in the building, his entire month's pay, and he is under the impression that by mistake he shoveled it into the furnace. This does not mean that he had "money to burn." The professors and students took up a generous collection for him.

Professor Otis T. Mason will lecture Friday on "Races of Men."

The boys had an entertaining time at the opening session of Congress last week.

The Mount Pleasant eleven, of which A. P. Spear and H. Crittenden are members, frightened the Little Rocks off the field in a recent game, and expect to play the East-erns soon.

College.

On Tuesday of last week the college enjoyed a visit from ex-Gov. Shepherd, the founder of "New Washington," whose name is almost as familiar to citizens of the District as is that of Washington himself.

Prof. Montague took him in charge, and the two visited several of the class-rooms, among them the junior French, in which his knowledge of French and Spanish made him particularly interested.

On Wednesday last Senator Mitchell, whose son, familiarly known as "Mike," is a popular student of freshman class, visited several of the classes.

Most of his time, however, was spent in the junior Latin, the work of which members he complimented most highly. He is a genial, hearty gentleman, and quite won the affection of the class.

On Thursday last Dr. Farquhar, brother of the professor of history, lectured before the political economy class on an "International Unit of Money." "This unit," said Dr. Farquhar, "should consist of nine grains of gold and one of alloy, and should be called the *novens*. This unit would correspond to about \$5.30 of our money."

Prof. Lodge to-day resumed his lectures before the junior class, his subject being the "Organic Conception of History." He will now take up the French Political Institutions.

Prof. Montague has moved into his new home, 2700 13th street, and wishes it understood that the students of the University will be most heartily welcomed on Monday evenings.

Prof. Lodge is taking steps to thoroughly individualize his room and make it one of which the political economy classes may well be proud. The Professor and the members of his class are engaged in collecting steel engravings and autograph letters of famous American, English, and French statesmen, which will be framed and hung upon the walls. Last Monday Principal Wilbur formally presented to the class an autograph copy of "America," made especially valuable by the death, a short time since, of its author, Dr. Smith.

It should be a matter of congratulation to the University that the spirit of Christian missions is taking firm hold in its ranks. Some months since Mr. Brodnax, one of the secretaries of the Students' Volunteer Movement Association, came here with a view to establishing a branch, and made an enthusiastic speech to a number of the students interested in the movement. As a result of his speech and the interest then excited, there now exists in the College a regularly organized mission society. Though small in numbers it is earnest in purpose, and needs only to be known to increase in numbers. The meetings are held every Tuesday evening at 2:15 p. m. in Prof. Gore's room, and all are cordially invited. At each meeting two papers are read and general discussions of missionary topics indulged in. Mr. H. T. Stevenson is president and Miss McKelden secretary.

The Philosophical Society of Washington held a meeting in Assembly Room of the University on Friday evening, the 6th instant, and listened to an instructive address by their president, Mr. W. H. Dall, on "Alaska as it was and is—1865—1895." A good audience was present.

Mrs. James I. Welling, widow of our lamented president arrived in this city Friday. Mrs. Welling is in very delicate health, but will remain in Washington for the rest of the winter.

On Wednesday last Miss Morrison and Mr. Finckel gave a musicale in the chapel which was well attended, and every number of which was en-

thusiastically applauded. None of us could miss a chance to hear "Joe" on his beloved violin. The entertainment was good, but the strains of Hauser's "Wiegendlied," so sweet and low, seemed to make the greatest impression upon the audience, for they were called for again when the regular program was concluded. The program was as follows:

1. "Cavatina," Raff; 2. "Kina-wiak," Wieniawski; 3. "Fantasie Ballet," Le Beriot; 4. "Wiegendlied," Hauser; 5. "Obertass," Wieniawski; 6. "Ninth Concerto," Le Beriot.

Medical.

The monthly meeting of the general class took place last Wednesday. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and, no new business coming up, the meeting was adjourned.

The members of the executive committee for the commencement next April were elected last week. The committee consists of Eugene LeMerle, '96; R. S. Lynch, '96; A. B. Hooe, '97; H. W. Smith, '98, and W. Sims, '98. The class constitution provides that this committee should be made up of three men from the two upper classes and two from the sophomores and freshmen.

The members of the reception committee will be shortly chosen by the executive committee.

The students who work in the histological laboratory are growling about the lack of anything like heat in the "spyglass" room. It would certainly be an improvement to have the room a little warmer, for it is not pleasant to work a "spyglass", when muffled in a heavy overcoat and wearing gloves.

Graduate School.

Professor Wiley is to read a paper before the Chemical Society December 12 on the "Use of Acetylene Illumination in Polariscope Work," with illustrations.

Professor F. W. Clarke has just published an extended monograph on the "Constitution of the Silicates," giving us for the first time a rational theory regarding these bodies which constitute nine-tenths of the crust of the earth.

Professor Clarke is the acknowledged expert of the world on these most subtle salts of the earth, and his reputation in Europe excels that of any other chemist in this country.

Professor H. Carrington Bolton, professor of bibliography in the Graduate School, is in town and is

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WHY NOT?

A petition has been given circula-
tion in the College praying the
Faculty to dismiss the classes at the
end of the week preceding Christmas.
The argument is made that follow-
ing the precedent in the past of
dismissing the afternoon preceding
Christmas evening would make but
one session, and that "Blue Mon-
day"—a day that both lectures and
recitations seem to drag. The peti-
tion asks that this day be made a
holiday, and a full week be put at
the students disposal. The request
seems not unreasonable, and the
CALL hopes that it may so appear
to the Faculty.

THE DEBATING HABIT.

INTERCOLLEGIATE debating con-
tests such as that which has just
taken place between Yale and Prince-
ton are the result of an attempt to
keep alive the spirit of the first half
century of our politics when, unless
the ancient Athenians be the excep-
tions, we were without doubt the
most prolific and earnest debaters of
history. Every country school-
house was also the club-house for a
debating society. Boys and young
men and grandfathers all debated.
The rewards of oratory were great.
The best talkers were accepted as the
greatest statesmen. The man who
could out-talk his opponent in a
political campaign was sure of elec-
tion.

This condition existed as late as
the time of Douglas and Lincoln,
whose debate will always be cele-
brated in American history as the
last and one of the very greatest of
its kind. It was the last because
the immense growth of newspapers
since the civil war has made such
extensive and elaborate stump-
speaking less necessary. No doubt
the people will always demand the

oral address so long as the Govern-
ment is really popular. It is in the
nature of a luxury now, however,
while fifty years ago it was abso-
lutely necessary for the elucidation
of public questions.

Some will lament this, holding
that every American ought to have
the Attic ability to get upon his feet
at a moment's notice and out-talk
any man who attempts to talk
against him. Others will hold with
the Spartan that Athens was given
to loquacity and contentiousness,
and that the great art of eloquence
does not lie in debate but in saying
enough and stopping.—*New York
World.*

The emphasis we supply. The
above, barring, perhaps, the subtle
advertisement to read a certain news-
paper rather than listen to a well pre-
pared debate, when one wishes to be
informed on a current issue, contains
virile thought. We have done away
with that florid, word plethoric style
of debate that used to mark the
efforts of the fathers on the hustings.
In certain sections of this country
you still find traces of it. We are
a business people. Every day we
grow more to love brevity, concise-
ness, facts. Public debating is
drawing closer to these lines, but the
art is not diminishing. The school
house is still the arena for the begin-
ner, and the college hall the place
where he polishes his talents. Where
two great men enter the lists
in forensic discussion, they are
bound to have an attentive audience,
who will treasure their thrusts and
parries long after the newspaper
editorial has been given to the rag-
man.

WANTED—A POET.

We do not desire to occupy a
unique position in journalism. It
costs too much to be called unique
or a genius, but the CALL is in rather
a peculiar position, in some respects
a disagreeable one. In handling
such matters it is best to be frank,
no matter what it costs. For the
first time in newspaperdom is such a
thing admitted—we need a poet.
We long for the productions of the
the poorly-fed, long-haired individ-
ual who can indite a sonnet, reel
off a ballad or grind out a lyric at a
moment's notice. Now, don't push,
one at a time, and every body will
last longer. Of course we have
some preference as to the style of
matter that we would like presented.
If you can avoid the Byron wail
and the Browning obscurity we
won't be offended. Odes to the
moon are also under the bane, the
Sporting Editor lives in a neighbor-
hood where cats are numerous and
songful. The airy ditty, the witty
and the pithy couplet will be given
the best chair and the "glad hand."
Step in, ye haunTERS of the muse,
and duck not nor step light as you
come. You can lay the soiled rib-
bon and the thumbd manuscript
on the editor's desk with impunity.

PUBLIC DEBATE.

To take place in the College Lec-
ture Hall, Saturday Evening
December 14th, 1895.

First of the Columbian Law School Debating
Society Contests to select Debat-
ers for the Annual Prize Debate.

A recent amendment to the con-
stitution governing the deliberations
of the debating society of the law
department provided that every five
weeks there should be a public de-
bate, and that the winners of the
contests, after having been narrowed
down to the proper number should
take part in the annual prize debate
that occurs one week before com-
mencement. The first debate is
scheduled for Saturday evening, the
14th inst. Some time since the de-
baters for this initial contest were
selected, and the executive committee
of the society, of which Mr. F. H.
Moore is chairman, has been making
every effort to make the affair a suc-
cess. Mr. Shreve, of the junior class,
will have charge of the music and
has organized an orchestra that will
give a number of selections during
the evening. Invitations will be is-
sued this week, and it is hoped that
the students will advertise the event
among their friends that a good
audience may be present.

"Resolved: That the President of
the United States should be elected
by the direct vote of the people," is
the question that will be discussed.
The affirmative will be represented
by R. E. Wiley and G. W. Baker, of
the senior class, and Arthur Belitz,
of the junior; and the negative by
M. M. McLean, of the post-graduate,
W. H. Coleman, of the senior, and
John M. Spellman, of the junior.
The speeches are limited to fifteen
minutes, the leaders to have five
minutes each to close.

Robert Emmet Wiley was born at
DeWitt, Ark., in 1872, and received
his education at his home place. He
engaged in the newspaper business



and followed it in various places
throughout Arkansas. He came to
Washington in September, 1892, and
is now employed as assistant librari-
an in the Department of Labor. Mr.

Wiley has had some experience in
forensic discussion, and was one of
the representatives of the "Pro and
Con Club" in their joint discussion
with the debaters from the Y. M. C.
A. Society last spring, the Pro and
Con men being successful. He is a
member of the executive committee
of the debating society, a democrat
and a believer of the John Wesley
doctrine in religion. Wiley is affable
and faithful.

George Wilson Baker is a son of
the prairie, born at Des Moines, Iowa,
in the year 1871. His common
school education was received in that
city, leaving there to attend the
Shattuck School at Faribant, Minn.,



where he took a three years course.
He left there to enter the North-
western University at Evanston, Ill.,
completing there his Junior year.
He is a member of the Phi Kappa
Sigma Fraternity, his chapter being
at the Northwestern University. He
came from Evanston to Washington
to pursue his law studies at the Col-
umbian law school. G. W. Baker
is of cautious mold, slow to take a
position, but once committed he
stays to the death.

Arthur Belitz was born at Kiel,
Wis., September 13, 1872. He is
the son of Col. Henry F. Belitz, and
both his parents died during his in-
fancy. There has been little romance
and plenty of hard work in his life.
He spent the most of his boyhood
with his sister, working during the
summer that he might at-
tend school in the winter.
He graduat-
ed at the
Chilton,
Wis., High
School with
second hon-
ors, and then entered a real es-
tate office in Chicago. In 1889
he taught school at Medford, Wis.,
and the next year at New Holstein,
that state. He has since been em-
ployed by the Merchant's Exchange
Bank of Milwaukee, and was sten-
ographer for the Wisconsin Central
R. R. He studied law for a year
with Sylvester & Scleiber of Milwau-



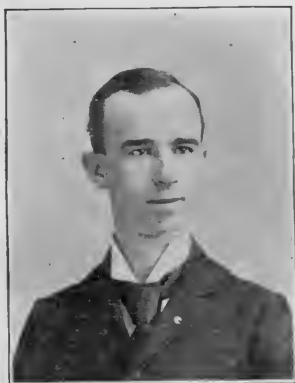
kee, and in 1894 was given a Civil Service appointment in the Quartermaster General's office of the War Department. Pluck and a heart full of interest for the under dog seem to be two marked characteristics.

Marvin M. McLean was born at Sherman, Texas, November 5, 1867. In 1888 he secured an A. M. degree from the South Western University, at Georgetown, Texas, of which institution his father is president. He



then entered the University of Texas and took up the study of law, getting an LL. B. degree in 1890. While at both institutions he took an active part in the literary society work; was elected president of each society and represented them on public debates. He was editor of the *Georgetown Sun* during the year 1891. He was also admitted to the bar and has practised some. He is now an expert in the U. S. Department of Labor. Is a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity and of the Knights of Pythias. Everybody knows "Mac," and more than that everybody likes him.

William H. Coleman was born near Pittsburg, Pa., on the 28th of December, 1871. He is another man who has fought hard fisted fate to a standstill. At the early age of twelve he left school to solve the problem of existence, and has since been employed in the manufacturing institutions that lie in the vicinity of the Smokey City. Before coming to Washington he was foreman of the Plate Mill Testing Department of



the Homestead Steel Works. Although leaving school when he did he has by hard and persistent effort acquired a liberal education, and by much night work he succeeded in graduating from Giessly College, at McKeesport, Pa., in 1892. In 1894

he resigned from the Homestead Works and took up the study of law at Columbian Law School. W. H. Coleman possesses unlimited energy and is a tireless advocate of what he believes to be right.

John Martin Spellman was born at Dallas, Texas. He was educated at the public and High schools of his native city. He afterwards attended St. Edwards College at Austin, Texas. On concluding his college work he engaged in business, first as a book-keeper and afterwards representing the firm on the road. Determining to follow the law as a profession he selected Columbian as the school best suited to his needs, and is now busy engaged in reading the prescribed course. He is a typical Texan, a believer in her advantages and theories, and a thoroughly good fellow withal. There is a rumor afloat that "he got his man," an expressive phrase that any Texan will explain. Anyway, it is "another story." and he can tell it better than these columns. He is a clear thinker, and his face gives plenty of emphasis to his well defined utterances.



Remember, the general public is given a hearty invitation to attend the debate. President Whitman and Professors Maury and Montague will act as judges.

Columbian Women Election.

The regular monthly meeting of the Columbian Women was held Monday afternoon, December 9th. The following officers were elected: President, Miss Throckmorton of the graduate school; first vice-president, Mrs. J. H. Lewis, wife of the dean of the dental school; second vice-president, Miss Louise Connally of the graduate school; secretary, Miss Morrison of the College, and treasurer, Dr. Pettigrew of the medical school.

Graceful speeches were made by both Miss Holbrook, the retiring president, and Miss Throckmorton, her successor. It was enacted that a standing committee on entertainment and also a press committee should be appointed by the president. The report of the treasurer, Dr. Pettigrew, was accepted by the association.

Alumni Meeting.

Columbian Alumni will hold a business meeting Friday evening, December 13, to be followed by a social reunion, at which good-fellowship and something to eat will play prominent parts. An amendment to the constitution providing for five vice-presidents will be acted on at the annual meeting. The University Hall will be the scene of the gathering, business meeting at 8 and the reunion at 11 p. m.

Society Doings.

Enosinian Society.

The Enosinian Society held its regular session last Friday at 2:30 p. m., the president, Mr. Donnally, in the chair. Committees on the library, constitution, and Enosinian Hall were appointed for the ensuing month, and Mr. Ward was assigned "The President's Message" as the subject of an extempore speech.

Mr. Tyssowski temporarily taking the chair, Mr. Donnally read a dissertation on "Bleeding; or, Blood-Letting," quoting from an old Robin Hood ballad a comical description of the bleeding of Robin Hood himself, and also alluding to the old English superstition of the bleeding of a corpse (*cruentio cadaveris*) of a murderer when approached by the friends of the murdered.

Mr. Parker then read the *Bee*, the main article of which was a communication received from some one (name unmentioned) who revealed the existence in Columbian of a secret society called the "Woman Haters," and describes his remarkable experiences in becoming a member of the organization.

Mr. Robinson (critic) strongly commended the productions of the preceding meeting, and especially the action of the president in assigning to the extemporaneous speakers subjects of national interest.

Mr. Ward's speech on the President's message was next in order.

It showed careful reading and considerable thought. Mr. Ward, with an air of regret, admitted that he disagreed with the President on some points.

Mr. Biscoe read the *News*, which, owing to his ignorance of the fact that contributions could be obtained from other members, consisted of but one article, on existing forms of government, particularly our own.

Temporarily reverting to new business, Miss Metcalf, by her own request, was placed on the honorary roll. Regular order of business being resumed, the debate was next in order, the subject "*Resolved, That war is inconsistent with Christianity.*" Messrs. Playter and Robinson for the affirmative, based their arguments chiefly on quotations from the Old and New Testaments going to show that war was opposed to the peaceful doctrines which Christ came to inculcate. Messrs. Parker and Tyssowski, for the negative, based their argument chiefly upon the law of nature, claiming that if human necessity was opposed to Christianity it would prove Christianity an impracticable doctrine.

Vote on the merits of the debate resulted in a tie; vote on the merits of the question resulted in a majority in the affirmative.

Bulletin for next meeting is as follows:

"*Resolved, That education increases happiness.*" Affirmative, Miss Ross and Mr. Barrett; negative, Mr. Biscoe and Mr. Playter; dissertation, Mr. Tyssowski; editor of *Bee*, Mr. Ward; editor of *News*, Mr. Robinson; critic, Miss Ross.

Mr. Beatty's resignation from the position of treasurer, read and laid on the table. Society adjourned to meet December 13, 1895.

Meeting of Columbian Corcoran Association.

The regular tri-weekly meeting of this association of the students of the Scientific School is announced for next Saturday, the 14th instant, in the chemical lecture room at eight o'clock. The meeting will be an important and interesting one, and it is hoped that the students of the Scientific School will be present in large numbers.

Among other questions that will be considered is the advisability of changing the name adopted at the last session. Much dissatisfaction seems to be expressed with the present title principally for the reason that the name of the association is not identified in any way with the department of the University of which its students are composed—the Scientific Department.

Law School Debating Society.

In the absence of Mr. T. N. Greer, the regular secretary of the society, the president appointed Mr. T. F. Epes to act in that capacity. The question discussed was: *Resolved, That the restriction of liquor selling on Sunday is an infringement of the liberty of the citizen.* Messrs. Flannery, Moore and Dalton appeared for the affirmative, and Messrs. Garner, Doyle and Spellman for the negative. Lack of space prevents the CALL from giving a synopsis of their speeches this week. The debate was well presented, each representative making a good argument in support of his position. The speeches aroused so much interest in the society that many participated in the general debate on the floor that followed. The negative secured the decision.

Mr. Crawford spoke on his amendment, offered at the last meeting, providing that no men shall be admitted as members at the first regular meeting in January, when the society's elections occur. Mr. Crawford held that the amendment would

prevent the "colonization" of voters. The amendment was agreed to. The executive committee was given authority to issue invitations for the public debate.

Hermesian.

Last Friday the committee on match debates, Messrs. Ritchie, Van Auken and Lanza, rendered a report asking, in the interest of the society, to be allowed to suspend operations indefinitely. A great amount of discussion ensued, during which Van Auken resigned his secretaryship, but withdrew his resignation at the society's request, for the preservation of good will and harmony. The committee's report was adopted. Messrs. Holmead, Ritchie, Van Auken and Everett made rousing speeches, and much excitement prevailed, but the matter was finally amicably settled. A long-due special order then followed. Messrs. Ritchie and C. Bittinger were to uphold the argument "That foot ball should be abolished in American Universities," against Messrs. L. Greenlaw and D. Owens. Bittinger was not present, so Ritchie, unfairly, had to debate unsupported. He received the highest mark, but the other side got the decision. A motion concerning the postponement of special orders by the executive committee was also carried. Originator, W. Ritchie, and amended by C. Holmead.

"That Young Man Eckels."

The editorial room of the staff of THE COLUMBIAN CALL is the small anti-room to the Assembly Hall of the University. The editors assemble here once a week and sit behind closed doors for the purpose of deliberating upon weighty questions concerned with the material for the next issue; and the intruder who is bold enough to interrupt its sessions is sat upon in such an emphatic and forcible manner that if he is at all sensitive he will slink home and weep silently for hours.

But they have tried this once too often, and the spirit of the editorial staff of the University paper is now broken.

It happened in this way: The Honorable Mr. Eckels, Comptroller of the Currency, was to deliver a lecture in the Assembly Hall of the University on the same afternoon that the editorial staff assembled to consider the weighty questions connected with this issue. Mr. Eckels had been invited to address the class in economics on "National Banking." While the staff was deeply engrossed in its work, the door was pushed open by a boyish figure, who, after glancing timidly at the deliberative

body at the other end of the room closed the door quietly behind him. The proceedings of the board abruptly terminated, and the members looked sternly at the youthful intruder. "Is Professor Gore in?" The answer was in a monosyllable, but it spoke volumes—"No." The young man cast a timid glance about him as if he did not know what to do, and retired to the remotest corner of the room. Then, after eying the intruder savagely for a moment, a voice from the board said: "This is a meeting of the staff of THE COLUMBIAN CALL, and its sessions are held behind closed doors. What can we do for you young man?"

"I expected to meet Professor Gore here, and if you can kindly tell me where I will find him I will be very much obliged to you, sir."

There was a whispered consultation among the editors. "It's just as I thought—some confounded freshman whose curiosity has got the better of his good judgment. I think we had better tell that young fellow to get out," buzzed a half dozen voices in unison.

"Well, young man," and the speaker for the editorial staff cleared his throat in order to give the intruder his *conge* in no unmistakable voice, "you had better seek Professor Gore upstairs."

There was a bustle in the corridor, the door leading into the *sanctum sanctorum* swung forcibly open, and Professor Gore burst in, his face flushed with excitement.

"Why, how do you do, Mr. Eckels," he said, shaking the hand of the young man. "I hope I have not kept you waiting. Walk right in the lecture hall, the audience is already awaiting," and the entrance of the Hon. Mr. Eckels in the adjoining room was greeted with much applause.

The editorial staff of THE COLUMBIAN CALL slowly and silently tiptoed out of the room. There will be no meeting next week.



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stopping at the Richmond. He is about to take up his instruction in the University as well as carry out his great work for the Smithsonian.

Scientific Department.

Professor Otis T. Mason of the Corcoran Scientific School delivered an address before the Farmers' Institute at Kensington on "The Threshing Machine: Its History and Place in Civilization," in which he gave the credit for the invention of this valuable machine to women, who were the first agriculturists, as they are to-day the principal ones, in France and Germany.

The banner used by the student body on the occasion of the inauguration of President Whitman was secured by two or three members of the school on the understanding that reimbursement would be made them by the students. This surely is a matter in which every member of the school should feel himself responsible to the extent of a few cents necessary to reimburse the gentlemen who have paid for the banner.

The banner will be offered in evidence, and suggestions will be in order for a proper yell for the Scientific Department.

General Greely, professor of geography in the Corcoran Scientific School, will publish shortly in the *Ladies' Home Journal* three articles on the "Early Life of George Washington."

Professor Farquar's class has just completed what he is pleased to call the "A B C of Ancient History"—Assyria, Babylonia, and Chaldea. This is one of the Professor's playful jokes. He inspires enthusiasm with the prospect of an "A B C" time of it, and before you know it you are up to your neck in cuneiform inscriptions and hieroglyphic what-nots that stay with you all night. "The class in ancient history," says the Professor, with "a-walk-into-my-parlor-said-the-spider-to-the-fly" twinkle in his eye, "will now make a tour of the countries about Palestine." You know what this means, a wearied memory and a dislocated jaw with such ancient worthies as Nabonidos, Nabopolassar, Istuwegu, Hvahksatsa, and—

Quaint Nebuchadnezzar,
The King of the Jews,
Who dressed in silk breeches
And heavy gold shoes.

If the measure of a man's fitness for the foot ball team is determined by the length of his hair, the suggestion has been offered that Doctor Fireman considers himself eligible.

There is no university in this country which has given so many contributors to Johnson's Universal Cyclopædia as Columbian. Dr. W. T. Harris was one of its associate editors for philosophy, Prof. Munroe has contributed the article on "Smokeless Powder," Mr. Ramsay has contributed the article on "Spanish and Spanish-American Literature," and Prof. Schoenfield has contributed ninety-one articles on "Slavonic Literature," and the entire "Eastern European Geography and History" in Vols. VII and VIII, and also the articles on "Venice," "Verona," "Vendome," "Westphalia," and "Wurtemberg."

The death of the father of Mr. Corrado L. Lanza of the Corcoran Scientific School will result in the elevation of this gentleman to the title of Marquis. Mr. Lanza's father was an Italian nobleman, and the death of his father necessitates his return to Italy, where it is understood he will be decorated with the title of Marquis and fall heir to a large estate. The Marquis-elect has become so infatuated with Columbian, however, that he has expressed the wish and intention of returning to the University to complete his studies.

Fraternities.

Phi Kappa Psi.

One of the first things to meet the eye of the reader of the CALL last week was a fine likeness of our beloved president and brother, Hanson T. A. Lemon.

Among all the students of Columbian could be found no face more worthy to grace the pages of the CALL.

At a recent meeting of the senior medical class Mr. Eugene LeMerle was elected a member of the executive committee of the general class.

Mr. H. W. Smith was honored in the same way by the juniors.

Of the alumni Phi Psi's Drs. Middleton T. Elliott, J. Walter Morgan and Wm. T. Burch are at present in New York; Dr. Morgan being resident physician at the Colored Home and Hospital and Dr. Burch holding the same position at the Women's Hospital.

They were all members of the '94 medical class.

Dr. F. R. Hagner, late resident physician at the Children's Hospital in this city, has received an appointment on Dr. Halstead's staff in the Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore. He will enter upon his duties in a few days.

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Wilton Lackaye and Blanche Walshe, with a competent company present the dramatized form of Du Maurier's "Trilby" at the Lafayette Square Opera House for the week beginning Dec. 16. This is the troupe and the play that made such a hit in New York recently. The principals have a strong following here and the week promises to be a good one. E. M. and Joseph Holland presenting "A Social Highwayman" is the bill for this week.

The New National Theatre has Frederick Bancroft, Magician, as the card for next week. He carries specialty artists and indulges in tab-



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leaux of a confusing nature. The costumes and illusions are spoken of highly by the critics. This week funny Francis Wilson in "The Chieftain."

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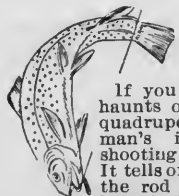
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